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SUBJECT: CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE: POTENTIAL CANDIDATE
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1. WE HAVE BEEN APPROACHED INFORMALLY BY HASHEM MAADI, AN INSTRUCTOR IN ENGLISH AT ALEPPO UNIVERSITY, WHO SAYS HE BEING NOMINATED FOR SCHOLARSHIP MENTIONED REFTEL. MAADI HAS MA FROM SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY.

2. WHILE NO OFFICIAL WORD YET RECEIVED FROM SARG, NOMINATION OF MAADI WOULD TIE IN WITH MIN HIGHER EDUCATION DESIRE SEND FAMILY MAN WITH ENGLISH BACKGROUND. MINISTRY CONCERNED OVER BRAIN DRAIN DANGER AND WOULD INSIST CANDIDATE BE MARRIED.

3. MAADI WEIGHING DECISION BUT HESITATES ACCEPTING SCHOLARSHIP IF REQUIRED LEAVE FAMILY BEHIND. EMBASSY INFORMED MAADI THAT FAMILY TRAVEL AND MAINTENANCE NORMALLY NOT INCLUDED IN GRANT. INFORMED MAADI, HOWEVER, THAT SARG FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO FAMILY MAINTENANCE WOULD BE POSSIBLE. MAADI HAS WIFE, THREE CHILDREN, ELDEST EIGHT YEARS OLD.

4. MINISTRY ORIGINALLY INDICATED INTEREST IN PROGRAM AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY. MAADI WONDERS WHETHER LESS EXPENSIVE UNIVERSITY (TEXAS, E.G.,) WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR FAMILY TO ACCOMPANY. WHAT ARE NORMAL GRANT TERMS? WOULD DEPT CONSIDER FAMILY MAINTENANCE SUPPORT/TRAVEL?

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